

## **BRAP ELIGIBILITY**

### **I. DHHS requires that recipients of BRAP meet the following criteria:**

1. Class Members of the AMHI Consent Decree; OR
2. Adults with Severe and Disabling Mental Illness who meet Eligibility For Care Criteria for Community Support Services as defined in Section 17.02 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual (see [Appendix 1](#) and 1A).

### **II. DHHS requires that all recipients of BRAP also meet the following conditions:**

- a. Adults who are receiving or are in the process of being (re-)instated for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)—in cases where applicants have no current SSI/SSDI or other income source, documentation of General Assistance or another source of income (TANF, Employment, etc) must be in place or documentation of conditional approval must be present; and
- b. Applicants must have previously applied for Federal Section 8 Rental Assistance through their local Public Housing Authority or other local Section 8 administering agency. If the wait list is closed, the applicant may be eligible for a waiver of this eligibility criterion provided that he/she agrees to and completes a Section 8 application at time of opening. Section 8 wait list status must be maintained to continue to receive BRAP assistance.

Note: Providing eligibility criteria has been met, any previous BRAP recipient may re-apply for subsidy, as long as he or she is in good standing with any housing subsidy program administered by DHHS (Bridging Rental Assistance Program &/or Shelter Plus Care) and has not exceeded the maximum 24-month allocation. Applicants who owe any DHHS subsidy program for back rent, damages, security, etc., may be considered for readmission providing that at least one of the following minimum criteria have been met:

- a) 50% of account balance must be paid before move in. The remaining balance must be paid over a term not to exceed 12 months; or
- b) Establishment of a Representative Payee and a documented payment plan not to exceed 12 months; or
- c) Charges have been adjudicated through the BRAP Appeals or DHHS Grievance Process.

## **PRIORITIES**

**BRAP funds will be provided on a priority basis to eligible individuals only within each priority level on a ranked basis, as indicated below:**

1. Eligible people who are leaving State psychiatric institutions (AMHI, BMHI); and individuals in private psychiatric hospital beds; or those who have been discharged in the last six months from any of these institutions.
2. Eligible people who are homeless as defined by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance act as funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (See Appendix 2).
3. Eligible people who are living in Substandard Housing in the community, as defined by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (See Appendix 3).
4. Eligible people who are moving from community residential programs and other behavioral health facilities, to more independent living arrangements.